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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Minoru Umemoto et al.) Group Art Unit
 Serial No. : New Application)
 Filed : Concurrently Herewith)
 For : PROCESS OF FORMING)
 ULTRAFINE CRYSTAL LAYER, MACHINE)
 COMPONENT HAVING ULTRAFINE CRYSTAL LAYER)
 FORMED BY THE ULTRAFINE CRYSTAL LAYER)
 FORMING PROCESS, PROCESS OF PRODUCING)
 THE MACHINE COMPONENT, PROCESS OF FORMING)
 NANOCRYSTAL LAYER, MACHINE COMPONENT)
 HAVING NANOCRYSTAL LAYER FORMED BY THE)
 NANOCRYSTAL LAYER FORMING PROCESS, AND)
 PROCESS OF PRODUCING THE MACHINE COMPONENT)
 Examiner : Unknown)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of
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 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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The prior art references enclosed herewith are non-English material which are Japanese Laid-Open publications. An English abstract of each Japanese Laid-Open publications is also enclosed.

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The specification of the instant application briefly explains the technologies involved in these prior art references from page 1, paragraph [0004] to page 3, paragraph [0010].

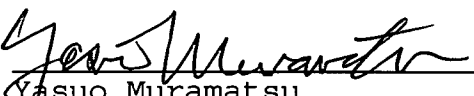
REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the references disclosed in the statement be considered in the substantive examination of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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